

District 11 - A2
District Governor Rhonda Furby
Official Theme: "Serve to Live, Live to Serve"
1st VDG Mark Scicluna
2nd VDG
Region Chairperson Jim Lykins
Zone Chairperson Richard Rhoades
International President Fabricio Oliveira – Official Theme "Make Your Mark"

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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE A
REGULAR MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS
ON JANUARY 8th. HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**



OUR PREZ SEZ:



Holiday Message from Lake Orion Lions Club President Pam Kline,
Our club has served the amazing community of Lake Orion since 1938. During this holiday season I look back at this past year with joy and appreciation. I am so proud of our membership, our sponsors, the community supporting our events, the Lake Orion Review and Orion ONTV sharing information on our community activities and Johnny Black's Public House providing us a meeting location twice a month.

During 2024 we held fundraising events that included:

- Lion Races
- Charity Poker
- Jubilee and Beer Tent
- Flare Sales for Flare Night
- White Cane Sales
- Goodfellow Newspaper Sales
- Charity Car Show
- Lake Orion Lions Home Tour
- Christmas for Everyone Dinner and Auction

We took part in service projects that included:

- Project Kindsight (testing children's eyes with a camera at the local libraries and at events)
- Adopt A Highway Cleanup (cleaning up part of Orion Road)
- Serving Monday Meals at the United Methodist Church
- Bear Lake Camp (cooking for campers as well as helping the camp with a spring cleanup)
- Christmas Party at Pine Tree Center (providing gifts and lunch to special needs students)
- Christmas Basket Program (providing food/gifts to nearly two hundred families)
- Recycled for Sight Program (collecting used eyeglasses at community locations)
- Recycling Pill Bottles for those in need

OUR PREZ SEZ CONTINUED:

We locally supported:

- Eye glass needs in the community
- Love INC
- Lake Orion School Robotic Teams
- Lake Orion High School Scholarships
- Lake Orion Baseball/Softball Sponsorship
- Lake Orion Police Department with purchase of an AED
- Blessings in a brown bag

We had nine new members join the club in 2024, bringing our club membership to over one hundred members for the first time.

If you would like to become a sponsor, a new member, or find out more about what we do please visit our website at www.lakeorionlions.org or reach out to one of our members. You can follow us on Facebook at Lake Orion Lions Club.

Yours in Lionism
President Pam

OUR 1ST VP SEZ:

Happy New Year Lions. What an awesome 2024 we've had.

Wrapping up 2024 with Christmas for everyone dinner and auction.

Christmas party at Pinetree Center for special needs students.

The Lake Orion lighted parade.

Christmas basket program, providing food and gifts for two hundred families.

Thank you, Thank you for all the members, their families and all the community residence who came out to help, especially at the Christmas basket program. I have not seen so many members and volunteers since I've been a Lake Orion Lion.

What a great community we live in.

We can truly change the world when we work together.

"A life worth living, is a life lived in service to others"

1st Vice President

Wendy Siegle

OUR 2nd VP SEZ:

Lake Orion Lions,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years! The club is finishing its busiest time of the year. In the last couple of months, we have had the Christmas for Everyone Auction, Goodfellows Newspaper collections, Charity Poker Nights, Michigan Lions Leadership Institute, Santa's Christmas Party, and the Christmas Basket Program. Our club is very active and that is a full schedule! Thank you to everyone who helped out with any of the recent fundraisers or service projects, we pulled them all off again. You can be as involved as you want to be. You don't have to participate in everything the club does but please try to do as much as you can.

I am looking forward to the upcoming fundraisers and service projects. Let's make 2025 the best it can be!

Thanks, Lion Mike Pikelis
2VP Lake Orion Lions Club

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

Meeting Schedule Change: We have a change to our regular meeting schedule that you should be aware of. In February, the Bear Lake Kickoff dinner is on Wednesday, February 19th so we will move our second club meeting and February Board meeting to February 26th.

Lion Races: Chairperson Hartwell has this event planned for Saturday, April 5th at Boulder Pointe. He will be looking for members to volunteer and to get the word out to friends to make sure this is another success. More information to come closer to the event.

Nominations: Our elections will be coming up in March so that means that nominations will take place in February. Please start thinking about running for a board position now. If you need more information about any role, talk to a Past President or read over the position descriptions in the back of the roster book.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lions Orientation 101: How many times have you had a question about Lions? What does PID or PRC mean and what is the difference? What kind of leadership roles are there beyond the club level? Why does that Lion wear all those pins on that ugly vest? These questions and many, many more will be answered at the upcoming Lions 101 Member Orientation. This session is being geared toward Lions of all levels. It is being held on Saturday, January 18th at Leader Dog and will start at 8:30.

Bear Lake Ice Plunge: This event is in its third year and is getting bigger and better every year. It will be held up at camp on Saturday, February 1st. You could be a brave soul and take the plunge or just come out and support everyone who is. There will be a dinner provided; the cost is \$25 for non-plungers.

District Euchre Tournament: This annual tournament will be held on Sunday, February 23rd at the Fraser Lions Hall. The cost is \$15 per person to play. Registration starts at noon and play starts at 1. New this year, you do not need to have a partner as they are going to do a random draw for partners.

Lions of Michigan Forum: This will be held Friday, February 28th and Saturday, March 1st in Kalamazoo. This event is not for a few months, but I thought I would mention it now if you are interested in attending, you could have it on your calendar. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other Lions from around the state while learning about many topics, many are Lions related but there are also ones that cover other parts of life as well. There are four one-hour sessions, and you pick which topics/sessions you want to attend. There is also lunch and a keynote speaker. This year, the speaker is Past International President Brian Sheehan from Minnesota. If you have ever had the chance to hear him speak, you know how wonderful he is. After listening to him talk, you will be so excited about Lions and motivated, you will come back and take on the world! It is usually over by 2 p.m. on Saturday. Last year, the club covered the registration fee and one night hotel stay for any club member to attend. It has not been approved yet to do that this year, but I think it would be. We had some members attend last year and they were impressed with the forum and the selection of sessions to choose from.

District Convention: Always a great time! This year we are going back to Bay City March 28th – 30th. Lion Jack sent out the registration form last month, and it is included in the newsletter. This is always a great weekend to meet Lions from other clubs and catch up with the ones you haven't seen for a while. There is a great speaker lined up for the banquet Saturday night and a very important election Sunday morning. The most important event will take place on Sunday at the memorial service as we recognize two great members gone from our club way too soon. We will be paying tribute to Lion Bob Erickson and Lion Steve Drakos. If you can make it, please plan to go to the convention this year.

EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:

District Cabinet Meeting – Royal Oak – 6:45p.m.	Monday, January 13, 2025
Club Meeting & January Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Lions 101 Member Orientation – Leader Dog – 8:30-11:30	Saturday, January 18, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Region Meeting – Rochester – 6:45p.m.	Monday, February 17, 2025
Bear Lake Kickoff Dinner – Fraser Lions Den – 7p.m.	Wednesday, February 19, 2025
District Euchre Tournament – Fraser Lions Den – 12p.m.	Sunday, February 23, 2025
Club Meeting & February Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Michigan Lions Forum – Kalamazoo	Fri & Sat, February 28 & March 1, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Pancakes for Penrickton – Beverly Hills – 9a.m. – 12	Saturday, March 8, 2025
Club Meeting & March Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, March 19, 2025
District Convention – Bay City	Fri-Sunday, March 28-30, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Lion Races – Boulder Point – 6p.m.	Saturday, April 5, 2025
Club Meeting & April Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, April 16, 2025
District Cabinet Meeting – Beverly Hills – 6:45p.m.	Thursday, April 24, 2025

Well, that is all I have for this Issue. See you at the Meetings. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please let me know. This is your newsletter and if you want to see something here, I need to know about it!

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Yours, In Lionism, Jim Leach, Jr.